

**To:** Tulis, Dana[Tulis.Dana@epa.gov]; Burke, Thomas[Burke.Thomas@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Ruhl, Christopher[Ruhl.Christopher@epa.gov]  
**From:** Cheatham, Reggie  
**Sent:** Sat 8/15/2015 12:50:00 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Tom Burke - Review request

Tom my cell is below

Reggie Cheatham, Director  
Office of Emergency Management  
202-564-8003(w) 202-689-9400(c)

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**From:** Tulis, Dana  
**Sent:** 8/14/2015 8:49 PM  
**To:** Burke, Thomas  
**Cc:** Cheatham, Reggie; Ruhl, Christopher  
**Subject:** Fwd: Tom Burke - Review request

Tom,

Need your help on this tomorrow. Reggie will be working, I'll be back on Sunday. Please work with each other to set up a 30 minute meeting In the morning, thank you!

Dana S. Tulis  
Deputy Office Director  
Office of Emergency Management  
US EPA  
202-564-7938

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Ruhl, Christopher" <Ruhl.Christopher@epa.gov>  
**Date:** August 14, 2015 at 7:59:42 PM EDT  
**To:** "Tulis, Dana" <Tulis.Dana@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Tom Burke - Review request

Dana-

See below request from R6. We can talk about it during the call.

Chris Ruhl  
USEPA R6 Oil Team Leader  
Federal On Scene Coordinator  
(214) 665-7356 office

-----Original Message-----

From: Crossland, Ronnie

Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 5:36 PM

To: Ruhl, Christopher

Cc: Ostrander, David; Webster, Susan; Hayes, Mark; Bernier, Roberto; Foster, Althea

Subject: Re: GKM - Urgent Request

Locals make the final decision

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On Aug 14, 2015, at 4:34 PM, Ruhl, Christopher <[Ruhl.Christopher@epa.gov](mailto:Ruhl.Christopher@epa.gov)> wrote:

Ronnie- will EPA be the ultimate decision maker or will locals

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2015, at 4:21 PM, Crossland, Ronnie <[Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov](mailto:Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov)> wrote:

David,

We have a drinking water system that is in critical situation with regard drinking water storage. The system serves 6000 households and their storage dropped 10 feet last night and now only has 48 hrs of storage. The system will lose pressure prior to that. I request that Area Command forward this request to the Agency's Senior Science Advisor to get an opinion as to whether it is appropriate to begin the active intake of water out of the Animas River for treatment and distribution in a drinking water system.

There are four validated sets of surface water samples at drinking water intakes in New Mexico that can be evaluated for this decision. One set is pre-impact and three sets are post-impact. All samples indicate that the constituents are below various water quality standards and drinking water MCLs.

Due to the emergency situation, I am requesting a response by noon August 15,

2015. We have a contingency which is the temporary installation of a pump. We ordered the pump from Houston and is expected to arrive late tomorrow afternoon.

Thanks for your consideration in this urgent matter.

Ronnie

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